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You must go elsewhere

» Parents told to take their children two miles to another school

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MANY parents who have applied to have their children admitted to Rose Green School have been told: "You must go elsewhere."

Rose Green School currently takes in 40 children each September and its September 2011 applications were made for places for September from London, Leeds, and outside the catchment area.

Parents are now looking at the possibility of taking their children to Hyeward C of St Wilfred School - over two miles away and, for some parents living in Pagham, a four mile journey.

But parents are saying that is far from good enough leaving them with a logistical nightmare.

One parent, who lives in Pagham, said:

"It's a disgrace. Overriding distances from the school and currently have one child already there. How can you have to mention that a way of getting her to school and another child at the same time to Hyeward C of St Wilfred School in Pagham - over four miles away from my house?"

"The catchment area probably needs looking at because it's left many people in Pagham without a school."

Another parent added: "I've had every one of the parents. My house is actually closer to Hyeward School but they are going to Rose Green School. I think the catchment area probably needs looking at because it's left many people in Pagham without a school."

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Chichester on course for half marathon

CHICHESTER is set to welcome its first half marathon to the city later this year raising thousands of pounds for charity in the process.

The 'Ch Half' was challenging yet beautiful half marathons through Chichester city centre and the South Downs that aim to raise vital funds for the charity on the edge, a Chichester-based international children's charity.

The route, which includes a mixture of road, cross country and cycle path terrain, will start at Chichester College and follow the historic site of Chichester, including the Cathedral and the walls. It will then lead up to the peninsula of the Downs before winding its way back down towards the city.

Children on the Edge is organising the event in conjunction with Chichester District Council. Due to take place on the 10th October 2012, the event is expected to be highly popular and is already being supported by local running clubs. The main sponsors of the race are Minstermen's Chichester and their Property with other local firms including Harwards and Deane.

Year leading their support.

"There was, natural disaster, poverty and abuse and children on the streets and the need to make up a full childhood, Children on the Edge aims to give those things back."



Children on the edge, Chichester, is a charity that aims to help children in need of a better life. The charity has a website at www.childrenontheedge.org.uk

From setting up safe learning centres for working and refugee children in Bangladesh, to promoting non-violence in Moldova, to working with children living with leishmaniasis in Brazil and helping children from the streets in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, they work with children who really are living 'on the edge'.

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The race will take up to 1,000 runners and groups to all of which whether you're an elite athlete or jogging around dressed as Elton John can register at www.childrenontheedge.org.uk or call the Children on the Edge office for a form or entry package. The entrance fee for the early bird rate is £15, rising to £20 after June 20th. Local firms who would like to sponsor themselves at the event are warmly encouraged to contact Euan Clark, who on 01243 529130.

To be kept updated on news and to get your go to www.childrenontheedge.org.uk or follow the Children on the Edge Facebook page or follow @ChichesterHalf on Twitter.

Chichester Cathedral's peregrine falcon egg hatches

THE FIRST of Chichester Cathedral's peregrine falcon chicks hatched, the RSPB has said.

Four eggs were laid over the period of a week at the end of March and the RSPB set up a viewing area for the public to watch live footage of the nest.

The charity said more people had gone to the website to watch the pair of nesting peregrines.

Molly Collins, of the RSPB, said: "How the first one has hatched it shouldn't be long before the others follow."

She added: "The female is still sitting on the remaining eggs and keeping the new chick protected but she's moving around a lot and every now and then you catch a glimpse of the chick stretching its legs a bit, or even when fully down wriggling towards the female."

The nest, installed by the Sussex Ornithological Society has a regular following and the birds have their own Facebook page with hundreds of fans.

This is the sixth year the peregrine pair have lived on top of the cathedral. It will bring the young birds successfully, it will bring the total number of chicks raised by the pair to 10.



Chichester Green School

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Rose Green Infant School in the secret school for English residents, leaving many parents angry and damaged how the situation arose.

A nearby resident spokesman said: "It's been made up as a charge to the Rose Green school area."

The situation at that we had a large number of children in the cathedral whose parents visited a preference for Rose Green Infant School.

"Twelve living there did not get a place at the school."

"We were aware of the larger group in this area and English, and most places were added to Newwood Infant School, Edward Bryant and St Mary's in Bognor."

"Many of the parents who did not get a place at Rose Green school moved a place at Newwood C of E Infant School which is the best nearest alternative for them and within a reasonable distance."

"Most of these parents live in Popham, which is some parents going past Rose Green Infant School."

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Police warn of telephone fraud after Chichester incident

POLICE in West Sussex are warning of the dangers of telephone fraud after a Chichester man parted with thousands of pounds.

There have been recent reports to police that local people, especially the elderly and vulnerable, have been targeted by phone from people claiming that they are due thousands of pounds.

Officers are urging people to stop and think that it is sounds too good to be true or probably yes.

These fraudsters, also linked to frauds, receive a script that requires the victim to send their money in order to release money that is owed to them. Money orders are transferred either by Western Union, Money-2-us or Cash, leaving little hope of tracing the recipient. The scammer often uses banking letters and are fearful and impatient with their requests for the money transfer and even make several calls to the victim ensuring that they must pay the money as soon as possible to get their £5,000. These calls are usually made from telephone numbers beginning with one which again are impossible to trace.

PC Lupo Chichester said: "We know of three cases in our area in which victims have parted with money. Over a six-month period in Chichester a man parted with a total of £12,000 after he was approached in exactly the way by a man who told him he was from the Ministry of Finance in Manchester, which



does not exist. He was told he was due £5,000 and that all he had to do was pay that money which covers all costs in US\$400. He was then contacted again by the same people and was told his money was ready for delivery. He just has to pay £200 for administration costs and then the money would be delivered. Of course that money has never arrived.

These scamsters are very good and convince their victims in passing that their bank details and getting them to pay out hundreds of pounds. They occasionally place the victim ensuring them that this is a genuine transaction and that they work with the bank and the police.

"This victim is not the only one. If you are contacted in that way about any alleged money due to you, please remember: if it sounds too good to be true it probably is. Keep your personal details and financial safe and never agree to any financial transaction over the phone with someone you don't know."

Appeal for information after post stolen from building site on Chichester

POLICE are appealing for information after a stolen post was stolen from a building site at Halden, near Chichester.

Between 3.30pm on Thursday 27 April and 7.30pm on Friday 28 April, a building site at Halden Park off the A303 was broken into and post was taken.

Detective Constable Neil Jones of West Sussex CID said: "The type of post are not available to the public to buy in shops and will have just names written on the lids. We would like to hear from anyone who

may have been offered post during the disruption to know how long it is good for."

"We would also like to speak to anyone who may have information about who stole the post or anyone who saw anything suspicious in the area."

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Thames Police on 01895 836000 ext 204 of 18/4 or the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

E-fit released following knife-point robbery in Bognor

POLICE have released an e-fit of a man they would like to speak to in connection with a knife-point robbery in Bognor.

The incident happened at 7.50pm on Friday 26 January. The 30-year-old victim had been in a shop on Forest Road, Chichester Road, before leaving the shop. He was then taken to a garage.

One of the men pulled his jacket and the victim noticed a burning cigarette in his hand. He demanded money and then demanded his. The victim handed over the cash and both men headed out of the garage towards Collier Avenue.

The first suspect who had the knife is described as white, of 5'6", holding a cut of steady build. He had brown hair, outlined tattooed stars on the left hand side of his neck and was wearing a black coat and



Mark Jones

Thomson suspect is described as smaller than the victim, aged in his 20s. He was wearing a black baseball cap, a black coat, dark blue jeans and black trainers. Both men spoke with Eastern European accents.

Police are appealing for witnesses to be contacted or anyone with information should call Crimestoppers next day of 20 January.

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Be a winner, be a supporter – St Wilfrid's Hospice launches with Local Hospice Lottery!

ST WILFRID'S Hospice has introduced an exciting new fundraising initiative in the form of a weekly lottery. Launching with Local Hospice Lottery this week the lottery gives players the chance to win up to £5,000 at each weekly draw.

This year marks St Wilfrid's 50th Anniversary and services to patients and their loved ones are still offered free of charge. As an independent charity, this means the Hospice continues to rely on the generosity of local people to help meet both of their annual running costs, which now amount to over £1m. The Local Hospice Lottery is a new way for the Hospice to help raise vital funds.

One person who is supporting the Local Hospice Lottery is Owen Ebbw whose husband Tracy was cared for by the Hospice.

Owen says: "My husband Tracy was diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease and was referred to St Wilfrid's Hospice for care and support. The staff helped us both to feel at home as much as possible – nothing was too much trouble. It was wonderful that the whole family was made an welcome. The care provided by St Wilfrid's Hospice is so very, very special and made such a difference to us daily. It is because of that that I ask you to please, please take part in the Local Hospice Lottery to help boost funds for St Wilfrid's."

Each chance to take part in the lottery

costs just £3 and the draw takes place every Friday, with a top weekly prize of £5,000, a second prize of £500, a third prize of £50 and 100 prizes of £5 each. St Wilfrid's Hospice will receive a maximum of £90 from every £3, with the potential for this figure to increase over time as the popularity of the lottery increases. This compares to as little as 40p every £3 going to good causes with the National Lottery and just over 10p with the Health Lottery. Prizes are won automatically so there is no need to check your lottery numbers – it couldn't be easier!

Melanie Sedberry, Individual Fundraising Manager, says: "By joining the Local Hospice Lottery you have a great chance of winning whilst helping to support St Wilfrid's Hospice. Every small contribution helps us to run St Wilfrid's services and every entry really does make a difference to



the people receiving our care"

To join Local Hospice Lottery please call 01243 801 000 or email info@stwilfrids.org.uk or visit our website at www.localhospicelottery.org.uk or visit one of our Hospice shops.

Four on drug charges

A MAN from Chichester has been charged with two counts of supplying class A drugs. Paul White, from Chichester, is one of four who have been charged with drug offences and were appeared in Chichester Magistrates Court this week. Following a series of warrants that were issued in Littlehampton on Tuesday (24 April).

Shane Johnson, 25, of Goodfield, Wick, was charged with two counts of supplying class A drugs and also has been released as a caution to ensure he does not link to Chichester Magistrates on the 13 May for a criminal hearing.

A 30-year-old boy from Littlehampton was charged with two counts of supplying class A drugs and 11 boys, 13, of Poling Avenue, Chichester, who was charged with 10 counts of supplying class A drugs, have both been held with conditions to appear before Chichester magistrates on the 13 May for a criminal hearing.

James Stephen Spencer, 18, of Chichester Road, Hurdling, has been charged with two counts of supplying class A drugs, driving whilst disqualified and driving without insurance. He has been released as a caution and will appear via video link at Chichester Magistrates Court on the 13 May.

Four other local people have been released on police bail for further enquiries. The charges follow eight arrests that were made when six men and women were detected simultaneously at addresses in the town, with the support of more than 30 officers from a range of police forces within West Sussex Divisions.

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AIR ISSUES scholar told New Times
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Tatiana Moskova, from Gomel, Belarus – one of six students invited as a member of special committee since the globe – is currently completing her postgraduate studies in Conflict Resolution on a Rotary Scholarship at Brunel University, Uxbridge, by completing a year's high level research with a view to her own placement in organisations such as the United Nations, World Health Organisation or the World Bank. Rotary International hopes she and the others will make "a significant positive impact on world peace and conflict resolution".

Tatiana spoke of her previous experience with a NGO in Belarus, as an educator, leadership and training activities, and financial management, including the fact that she gave a special amount of work in the field, together with her personal commitment to the cause of international co-operation and conflict resolution. The role of Russia was given by Rotarian Quaker Governor David Jackson.

Details of the Peace Scholar programme can be obtained from David Jackson at d.jackson@brunel.ac.uk

More than 500,000 children to benefit from outdoor learning in the South Downs National Park

MORE THAN half a million young people could benefit from a ground-breaking outdoor learning initiative launched in the South Downs National Park, New Zealand. The project will help teachers from 150 schools in and around the National Park to use the South Downs to bring life and science into all areas of the curriculum.

The Our South Downs project has been developed in partnership between the national charity Learning through Landscapes and the South Downs National Park to connect young people with inspiring opportunities for outdoor learning.

Annabel Elmes, who leads on Learning and Outreach for the South Downs National Park, said: "This is the first time that a project of this scale has used an entire National Park to encourage children to engage and explore the world on their doorstep. The South Downs National Park is rich in wildlife, landscapes, history, culture and industry and we want to inspire and support teachers to develop the skills and knowledge to use them."

Our South Downs Programme Manager, Mary Jackson, said: "The commitment that children and young people have in our care has a significant effect on how they engage with a subject or an idea. Providing challenging, exciting and different learning experiences outside the classroom is proven to be an effective, holistic, social, emotional and personal development and contributes to the



health and well-being of children and young people."

Our South Downs will use the incredible diversity of landscapes, habitats, plants and learning resources that make up the South Downs National Park to give children year-round opportunities of learning and engagement based around the National Park's Special Qualities. The 150 schools in and around the National Park will have access to an outdoor learning curriculum which is to the South Downs, building them to benefit from the rich biodiversity, habitat, landscape, heritage, culture and industry that surrounds them. In addition, the Our South Downs website will equip teachers with the skills and

knowledge to identify the wealth of learning opportunities in their immediate locality and to make the most of this resource to support their practice.

"Our South Downs is the first project on the scale of an entire National Park on the country and in the next five years will be extending all schools in and around the South Downs National Park to tell their exciting local story as part of the nationally significant programme" said Programme Coordinator, Ruth Staples-Edwards. "It will also be providing opportunities for all providers of outdoor learning experiences to become involved in the project and promote themselves to more than 100 schools in the project's catchment area."

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Changes to the non-commercial bus network recommended to cabinet member

NORTH Sussex County Council Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport has welcomed the recommendation of a new party working group to give bus companies more time to put further routes on a commercial footing.

Peter Woods, who made the news of today's Environmental and Community Services Select Committee before he makes his decision on changes to including the county's non-commercial bus routes.

It comes after a Bus Review Working Group recommended a proposal, put forward by the bus companies, which allows operators to develop some services on their business routes with very low or no subsidy.

The working group discussed every individual route in the county with bus operators, and analysed almost 1,500 responses from a public survey, before making its recommendations.

Peter said: "The Bus Review Working Group has carried out an extensive investigation into each of our individual bus routes and I will take into account its recommendations to help me make my decision."

He added: "It makes sense to give the bus companies more time to try and put some routes onto a commercial footing."

"Despite reducing subsidies on a number of routes in the various phases of this programme, some of them still continue to operate."

"It is an ongoing evidence of the potential for raising some of those routes on a commercial basis."

Sea bird killed by litter

A BLACK THROATED diver was found tangled in litter in Chichester Harbour at the weekend.

The bird, which overwinters on the open sea circling off the South Coast was discovered by the Chichester Harbour Patrol. A net bag, like the ones used for legs, was tangled around its wing. Unable to fly, the bird had died and was found floating in the harbour near the entrance to the Botherham Channel.

Bill Rowell, Conservation Officer for Chichester Harbour Conservancy, said: "It is disturbing to see a wild animal's life ended in this way, and the fact that it is also a bird of the sea, that bird is probably part of many lost due to marine litter. It is up to all of us to be very careful about disposing of litter responsibly."

Chichester Harbour Conservancy is the statutory authority for Chichester Harbour and has a legal duty to manage the harbour and the surrounding land for the purposes of recreation and leisure, conservation and landscape protection. It has a wide range of powers to control navigation, moorings, water and dredging, as well as to maintain and improve the wildlife value and the landscape.

Litter is regularly collected from the Harbour's shoreline by volunteers from the Conservancy's "Yellow Watch" scheme and regular Friends of Chichester



Harbour work parties. The Conservancy also takes part in the national Beach Watch event each year, organised by the Marine Conservation Society. Last year alone, 480 bags of marine litter were collected from the Harbour's shoreline.

Chichester Harbour is designated as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) to ensure that it is conserved and enhanced for the enjoyment of all.

Chichester Harbour Conservancy works with national and local government, environmental organisations, landowners and local businesses and organisations to ensure that these landscapes and the wildlife living in them are protected and enhanced.

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Cult American TV star set for Goodwood

It's once wild American TV star James G. Jones again, his first – said to be his only – appearance on British soil – winning the Festival of Speed crowds with his crazy driving action in his Red Bull racing Trophy Truck.

Three years on, the larger-than-life television personality is set to return to the Festival of Speed (20 June – 19th) in the latest racing extravaganza of his Baja-style Trophy Truck, with daily racing around the spectacular Goodwood Park landscape.

As well as making his start at Goodwood, James Jones is familiar to millions of YouTube viewers around the world as the presenter of cult US shows such as *Mutant Garage* and *Motorcycle Mania*, in which he raves about custom bikes and through his own *Throttle* bar in US TV show *James Jones is a Good Man*, the premier absolute world land speed record for a hydroplane powered vehicle, when he led 100 people at the El Mirage Dry Lake Bed in California.

Although his driving is expected to be surprisingly more sedate at Goodwood, Jones will promise to entertain the Festival of Speed with his racing and unexpected action behind the wheel of his sophisticated



space-frame chassis truck. Following his memorable Festival action at 2009, the year previous to be a spectacle that few will forget.

In addition to hosting his high-octane television programmes, California-based James Jones is the CEO of the cult online motorcycle shop *West Coast Choppers*, as well as owner of the *Open Burger* restaurant, publisher of *Garage magazine* and host of the *Chopper dogs* radio. He is also related to the famous mid-century culture *James Dean*.

To get a flavour of his driving regime at the Festival of Speed, search for James Jones at Goodwood on YouTube, or watch a three minute highlights video of the 2009 event at <http://www.goodwood.co.uk/festival-of-speed/highlights-and-reviews/>, which highlights from 2009 race

University honours College student's determination to move into Higher Education

THE ACHIEVEMENTS of a student from Uganda who came to England to realise her ambition of becoming a nurse have been celebrated through an award from the University of Chichester.

Musasa Edwige (she is currently taking an Access Diploma in Health and Social Care at Sussex Downs College), and has her sights set on a place at university in September to study adult nursing.

At the PE Sussex Awards in May, Musasa was presented with the Outstanding Progression to Higher Education Award in recognition of her determination, and commitment to reach her overall goal. She was presented with her award by Vice-Chancellor Professor Clive Briggs.

Professor Briggs said: "Musasa applied nearly two years ago for the Access to HE course and was asked to improve her Maths and English before starting the course. She followed all advice given, and passed a place firmly on the Access course last September, having spent several months studying with Skills for Life. She is continuing from where she left off her Access course, making the long journey."

"She proves that studies work well for all learners at a time when the people who suffer from dementia as well as a range of physical disabilities. There



Musasa Edwige (left) receiving her award from Professor Clive Briggs (right).

is necessary to have her studies done to make sure she does not miss a session at college.

"At the University of Chichester, over half of our students are the first people in their families ever to go to University. That is a huge leap in the dark for those students and their families and yet they have recorded as well the second highest completion rates of any students entering this country. It just shows that widening participation really works – and Musasa is a great role model for everyone who ever aspires to achieve success."

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The decision, by West Sussex County Council's Cabinet Member for Education and Schools, Peter Griffiths, and the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources, Michael Brown, will enable the service to apply for new and additional funding, look for new commercial opportunities and channel its energy and enthusiasm into releasing what's best about the service as well as enhancing it to the future.

The Adult and Community Learning Service will become a company limited by guarantee and will be applying for charitable status to build and support its aims, which include affordability and opportunities for all.

Students and the community will be actively involved in planning local adult learning to ensure the service for their area is more responsive, relevant and targeted. It has a monitoring you would like to get involved with, please e-mail: adult.learning@westsussex.gov.uk for further information.

The County Council will initially provide continued support for the new social enterprise - this will be reduced over a five year period while the social enterprise establishes itself.

Chichester is challenged to get cycling and win a hot air balloon ride

PEOPLE in the Chichester District are once again being challenged to get on their bikes.

Chichester Cycle Challenges 2012 was officially launched on Tuesday in Chichester and this year's challenges will run from Monday 14 May to Tuesday 5 June.

This year's challenges are being funded by an equality grant money from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and many of the prizes have been donated.

To provide an opportunity for people to get together with their colleagues and be in with the chance of winning some prizes along the way. Some of the prizes are for individuals:

- a hot balloons ride for two across Chichester;

- a Trek 1500 bike and accessories worth £499, sponsored by David's Bikes;

- dining vouchers donated by Francesco's Restaurant & Bar at the Harting.

The challenges are free, fun, family cycling challenges for organisations in the district to see who can get the most staff possible cycling for an hour or more during the three weeks. The rules can be enjoyed wherever and whenever people feel comfortable, for leisure or to raise for work.

Councillor John Cooney, Cabinet Member for Environment at Chichester District Council, says: "Over 1,500 people took part



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in the past two challenges and it would be great if we could get even more people joining in this year. Regular cycling has huge health benefits, makes you feel good, is great fun, is environmentally friendly and saves money too."

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people to give cycling a go, or to get back in the saddle again."

Taking part is simple - cycle for just ten minutes during the three-week challenges and register your ride online at chichestercyclingchallenges.co.uk.

The challenges is a partnership between Chichester District Council, CTC (Cycling Training Club) and Challenge for Change.

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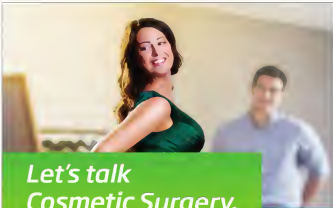
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Young musicians to perform with University orchestra at Gala Concert

YOUNG musicians from across West Sussex will come together to perform at Chichester Cathedral as part of the University of Chichester's annual Gala Concert.

The University Symphony Orchestra will lead an orchestra that includes musicians from the Chichester Music Centre Brass Ensemble and Percussion Ensemble. The concert performance will be provided by the University's own Choir, along with members of the County Youth Choir.

For the younger musicians and singers, the concert on 27 April will give them valuable experience by having the opportunity to play alongside more experienced performers, something that will become a routine feature of future Gala Concerts.

Simon Greenwell, Orchestra Manager at the University of Chichester, said: "This is the first year that the Gala Concert has evolved in this way, opening our orchestra and choir up to younger performers to join us. It is always a great occasion for us when we play at Chichester Cathedral, and we want to give that chance to others, inspiring them to continue playing music as they continue in their education, maybe even as music students at the University."

The programme has a distinctly British

feel, designed to acknowledge the Jubilee celebrations taking place later this year.

"Pomp and Circumstance March Number 1 and Symphonie Fantastique are popular British-style pieces that have a wide audience appeal, and ensure a certain familiarity about them. We will also be playing Hubert Parry's I Was Glad, used during the marriage ceremony of Prince William and Kate Middleton last year," said Simon.

Young French conductor Adrien Houlme, who is an intern of the Festival Conducting at the University, will lead most of the first half, with the exception of I Was Glad, which will be conducted by Head of Choral Studies Arthur Fobben. The second half will be conducted by Head of Choral Studies Craigie Hunt, whose experience includes leading the British Chamber Orchestra as Principal Conductor and as guest conductor for many orchestras around the world.

This concert features 17 groups. Tickets are on sale from the Cathedral Box Office, located at the Cathedral Shop, or by calling 01243 839999. Alternatively, they can be purchased online at www.uochichester.ac.uk. Tickets cost £10, while University of Chichester staff members and students will be admitted free of charge on presentation of a staff or student card.



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Salmon Fishing in the Yemen (15)

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Rating: from 1 to 10
Director: Lasse Hallström
Starring: Ewan McGregor, Emily Blunt, Kristin Scott Thomas, Ann Wake, Richard Briers, Tom Mison, Catherine Steadman, Jill Baker

Engaging, sweet-tempered British comedy-drama, followed by terrific performance from McGregor, Blunt and a some-stunning Kristin Scott Thomas, though the tone is occasionally uneven and it's slightly let down by an unsatisfying ending.

What's it all about?

Directed by Lasse Hallström (making his impressive adaptation of a best-seller), *Salmon Fishing in the Yemen* is based on the novel by Paul Torday and stars Ewan McGregor as shady UK government fishing expert Fred Jones, who's reluctantly teamed with financial adviser Harriet Clonewick-Filliot (Emily Blunt) and teamed with leading middle-shelf politician Michael (Jonny Lee Miller) to establish a salmon fishing site in the Yemen. At first Fred deems the project impossible but when the stakes are in the financial interests, Fred finds himself gradually won over by



McGregor's passion for the project and the pair bond over their shared love of fishing.

At the same time, Fred's budding relationship with Harriet also blossoms into a central attraction, but their relationship is complicated by the fact that Fred is (indefinitely) married and Harriet is going for her missing ex-husband's boyfriend (Tom Mison). Meanwhile, no-one's government press secretary Patricia Maxwell (Kristin Scott Thomas) battles behind the scenes to ensure that her "good

Middle East story" doesn't run into deep-sea water.

The Good

McGregor delivers his best performance in years as Fred, and his transition from regional, grumpy government outsider to someone of shadily as shady as Harriet. He also has terrific chemistry with Blunt, who is both charming and delightful as Harriet. However, the acting between the newly-shaded by Kristin Scott Thomas, who gets all the best lines in Patricia, even if she does seem to be

in a slightly different movie to everyone else (that movie being *In The Loop*).

The Bad

Serious: Hallström's script creates a top hat of the spirit of the classic fishing comedies and is at its best when dealing with the serious political message (a g. Patricia underestimating newly-shad "fishy" fishermen will react to the project) and the long-term, even-tempered relationship between Fred and Harriet. That said, the script has enough on its plate with the political stakes and the light-hearted romance, so the introduction of both an assassination plot (by a religious extremist attempting to destroy the project) and the downright complacency of Fredland Harriet's meeting relationship means that the tone is occasionally uneven, with the sub-plot feeling both under-developed and overwriting.

Worth seeing?

Despite its slightly uneven nature, *Salmon Fishing in the Yemen* is an engaging and enjoyable comedy-drama with a gentle, witty script and a touch of heartwarming from McGregor, Blunt and Scott Thomas. Worth seeing.

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will either end in love or disaster?

La Haine, the first in a stunning season of French film in the Spring Programme including Catherine Deneuve in L'Amant, Audrey Tautou in La Discretion, Cécile de France, The Fall with a Skin, Les Yeux, a gentle thriller and others, back off with La Haine. Marvel, an amazing tale about living in the port city, has enough on his hands, a strong side of his trouble that when he comes across a young African street boy whose aim is to get to London, he takes pity on him and goes back to his. But respect! About the film, the director Jean Pierre Dardenne has other ideas, the penitentiary police team on the boy's case, the threatened boy and his world, he never ending a cat and mouse game. Smart, dull and economically edited, La Haine is the best film I saw at Cannes last year," according to Roger Ebert, the cinema's artistic director. Lasse Hallström takes on a daunting role in The Grey. American men to shoot water in the Atlantic of fields, he and his others survive a plane crash in the wilderness, no food, shelter or weapons available. Will the growing wonder be able to survive physically and mentally in this thoughtful, quiet, dignified film alongside the other passengers?

For more information, visit the Cinema New Park Road, Chichester, GU1 1PG. 01243 786 650

Quiz and activities at Chichester this weekend

MR. BEEBEE'S Remembrance Day Quiz to be held this Friday (9th April) at Chichester Cinema.

The quiz will take place from 7pm to 9pm in the Bar area with teams of at least four people. You must be over 18 years of age to enter and join in the fun and meet characters from the film. Main Prize is a VCD box for 10 people for a day. Please register your attendance on our

Facebook page, at www.facebook.com/GeneralChichester

Or you may wish to attend an *Angels Remembrance* early morning on Saturday 28th April from 10am until 1pm. Considered as a Superhero costume and enter a dress up competition, or will be meet characters from the film, get inspired by making a Captain America shield, medals, winning in competitions, has and Games.

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Topping the bill is tenor and the 'Jazz King' on a new band made up of alumni musicians. They will be joined by graduate pianist Rob Westwood and assembled by first year singer Ricky Hall and third year percussionist Ruth Carter.

Concert organiser Rob Reynolds, who is a senior lecturer and jazz coordinator at the University of Chichester, said: "Jazz brings our students together regardless of background or musical taste. Our regular jazz nights are a joyous event which helps the department. This celebration of International Jazz Day highlights the role of jazz in a global context."

The concert takes place on 30 April at the main block at the University's Balfour Street Campus. Chichester between 10pm and 11pm.

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Tesco recovers UK market share

TESCO has recovered some market share in the UK as the supermarket chain steps up promotional activity and its value-for-money drive.

The supermarket giant's market share was 30.9pc in the 12 weeks to April 29, compared with the 30.4pc and 30.1pc recorded in the previous two months, according to figures from market researcher Kantar Worldpanel.

However, Tesco's share is still below the 30.4pc of April 2012, highlighting the challenge facing chief executive Philip Clarke as he seeks to outmanoeuvre Sainsbury's in the UK.

Last week Mr Clarke unveiled a "fundamental change" in the company's UK strategy, including fewer hypermarkets. Tesco's market share has been squeezed by low-cost grocers such as Aldi and Lidl, as well as specialist retailers such as M&S.

Kantar director Richard Jones said: "The discounters and Aldi are outperforming the middle ground as shoppers pursue low spend. This may change as a result of cutsback on eating out, which have meant that more shoppers are willing to spend more money on bringing the dining out experience into the home."

Named and shamed for sweet displays

ASDA, MORRISON'S AND LIDL have been named as the "worst offenders" for undermining parents' efforts to limit their children's healthy diet.

The Children's Food Campaign (CFC) said the three supermarkets displayed unhealthy food or drink at more than 70pc of their checkouts. It also criticised the Co-operative, Sainsbury's, Tesco and M&S for making families spend part of their healthy money to reach its tills.

Not one "traditional format" supermarket in the survey had any healthy food options promoted at its checkouts, the report said. The Checkouts Checked Out report found that most supermarkets have close and high street stores routinely promote unhealthy snacks at their tills and in their queuing area, despite several promising to reduce this practice.

The survey of stores across London found that, in many cases, junk food such as sweets and crisps was promoted at children's eye level.

The trend had also spread to smaller stores and non-food retailers including M&S, New Look, Superdrug and WH Smith, which all displayed sweets and chocolate in the queuing area near the checkouts, the CFC said.

A questionnaire to each of the



retailer found that just one, Sainsbury's, endorsed a policy of not selling "junkie confectionery" at their main checkouts, but added that they did display "junkie confectionery or seasonal food".

The campaign had demanded the M&S store in Oxford Street for its prominent display of fresh fruit in the queuing area before the till, and called for this to be the norm across all stores.

CFC spokesman and co-author of the report Stephen Jackson said: "Unhealthy purchases at the checkout can add several hundred calories to a family shopping basket. Supermarkets claim to be responsible retailers, yet they continue to

put their profits ahead of families' health.

They should stop promoting power power and help parents by removing promotions of sugary, fatty, salty and calorie-laden snacks and drinks near the checkouts, especially those placed within easy reach of children. It's time to get the junk off the checkouts in stores and first aid."

The CFC has launched a campaign supporting parents to lobby supermarkets to stop promoting unhealthy food to children. It is also lobbying the Advertising Standards Authority to regulate all promotions of unhealthy food to children alongside broadcast and print advertising.

Oliver attacks Gove on school meals

JONAS OLIVER has accused mapping attack at Education Secretary Michael Gove's Healthy School programme, claiming the schools are lowering nutrition levels among pupils and promoting from junk food vending machines.

The celebrity chef, who has campaigned for healthier school meals over the past decade, warned the progress made in recent years could be halted by new academies which are allowed to ignore current-based Government standards.

In an interview with The Observer Food Monthly, Oliver said: "The main risk that we are not going to get [academy] schools what we do just as well: good enough in the matter of the biggest obesity epidemic ever."

"The public health of five million children should not be left to chance."

The chef said he was "totally appalled" as to why academies are being allowed to determine what food should be on offer, while state schools follow the national standards introduced in 2008.

Referring to Sir Gove, who visited more schools in England to promote standards through the Academies Bill in 2010, Oliver said: "There's got nothing against him personally that the health of millions of children could be affected by this one man. What there is a national obesity crisis unfolding around us, I honestly think he's playing safe here."

Oliver, who has recently taken his fight to improve school meals to America, and the national standards apply to all schools.



and called for food education of academies to be given prominence in the type of food they should be serving. He also accused academies of making money from vending machines packed with sweets, crisps and fatty drinks.

Under the national rules, which are applied to other state schools, vending machines can only sell healthy snacks such as fruit, nuts and bottles of water.

Mr Gove has insisted that academies should not be covered by the national rules because their headteachers can be treated to deliver the best for their pupils.

The Department for Education and the Education Secretary asked the School Food Trust to carry out a survey of food standards in new academies last autumn, according to The Observer. A department spokesman said: "The trust visited to act as the best interests of these pupils. There's been a lot of chatter about changes to standards since Mr Gove's visit to schools. We made sure that falling to meet a good, nutritious food in a free academy and parents was a valuable recommendation today being put back on the menu."

Nestle wins pricey battle for Pfizer baby food unit



SWISS FOOD GROUP Nestle is to buy drugmaker Pfizer's baby food brand as for £1.95 billion, beating out French rival Danone in the battle for dominance of fast-growing emerging markets.

The world's biggest food company had to dig deeper than expected into its ample pockets to win the highly-stakes fight for Pfizer Nutrition, which makes 7pc per cent of its sales in emerging markets and is Pfizer's biggest deal to date.

"The price tag is high, however Nestle is acquiring a high growth/strong business with high exposure to the emerging markets. China will become the number 1 market for Nestle overall," said Vantage Capital's Jean-Pierre for baby food. Nestle said the deal would add to

swaggy per share from the first year, and would also cut expenses of US \$100 million. Nestle expects it to add about 0.5pc per cent to earnings per share in the first year and 0.5pc per cent in the following years.

The deal price was well above the \$1.95 billion which had been expected. Nestle said it was paying 0.5pc per cent expected next year earnings, above previous Pfizer deals in the sector which it paid 0.5pc per cent for Orla and 0.5pc per cent for Novartis Nutrition, according to Citigroup. Danone shares rose 0.5pc per cent today on news (Bloomberg) as investors expressed relief that the French group would not have to leverage up its balance sheet to pay a big price for Pfizer.



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Schoolgirl, 15, steps into fashion world after winning shoe design contest

ATHLETICISM has kept most of the fashion world after her when she caught the eye of industry experts. Molly Jones, 15, from Glenview, was one of thousands to enter a footwear competition, judged by a number of renowned fashion figures, including Jimmy Choo's sister Lucy Choo.

And thanks to her eye-catching, low-up-creations, she has been crowned winner of the nationwide contest and The Molly Court is set to go on sale across the UK this autumn, priced at \$200.

Molly, who attends Washington Grade school, where she is a student dancer for Alexander McQueen as a far from pupil, was encouraged to enter the contest last December by her design and technology teacher.

Children between 10 and 15 were asked to use their imagination and design shoes for a future designer to create. Molly's design was chosen by the judges.

Commenting on Molly's creation, David Cook, the firm's managing director said: "We



twisted her design, but only a little bit, and the shoes were made in a factory near Milan which produces shoes for a host of top brand names like Prada and Versace.

The family will give Molly a shoe store and online as part of David Cook's own artistic/creative collection.

Molly's parents, John and Susan, and her grandmother Betty were at the Alexander McQueen's in London to see her presented with a pair of her low heel designed shoes and offered her supervision at the production centre in Italy.

'Terrible' fashion Anna Wintour's fault, says designer

ROBERTO CAVALLI has blamed Anna Wintour for the 'terrible' fashion in the US.

The Italian designer has accused the editor of American Vogue of advancing women to wear dramatic clothes. He believes American fashion is dictated by her imagination.

"Just look at American fashion which is about fashion. It's terrible and you almost can't even look at it, but it has been done by a great person, Anna Wintour, who wants all women to be like her and to dress the way she does," he said in an interview with Italian art and design site La Repubblica.

He also advised young people to stay away from design schools. Cavalli did poorly when he was young, and created a patchy record by being different.

"Young people coming out of design schools and they are too materialistic, probably because their professors are too materialistic, because they have professors who follow styles of design that are too materialistic and commercial," he said.



"They're different and try to make another fashion style, then it can be translated, changed, modified to suit current society and the possibility of actually being worn."

Cavalli is known for spending his time and making people up the wrong way. He once dismissed Chanel, saying he thought the clothes were made for "grandmothers".

Sonia Rykiel reveals battle with Parkinson's disease

SONIA RYKIEL has revealed she will pass that she's been suffering from Parkinson's disease for 10 years. The 65-year-old designer has spoken the truth about her health battle in a new book, *Il cadavre Parle* (Don't Forget It's A Game), co-written with Judith Perignon.

The French fashion designer's health has been called into question over recent years, with claims she has been looking frail.

Rykiel, who has penned several novels, says she can no longer take the disease nor its symptoms which include trembling. She also added that her colleagues tried to conceal her condition by not allowing her to be photographed with the claim which she has been using for many years.

"I don't want to show my pain. I wanted, I wanted, I tried to be invisible, to pretend that nothing was wrong. It's impossible, it's not like that," she wrote.

Rykiel discussed her love of fashion in the latest edition of French life. She thinks women get too caught up in trends, when really they need to think about what suits their figure when getting dressed.



"The ultimate elegance is the one that you can see and that fits you well," she explained. "I really like what I called the elegance, playing with fashion in relation to oneself, to what we are, and not in relation to the trends and the designers."

"We live in a world where we have more choices and more things, but we have less decisions and more things. There are just as good reasons why we have good legs."

She was well enough to attend her latest ready-to-wear show, which was now designed by her daughter Hortense Rykiel, on March 10 in the book. Rykiel refers to the dress as "P" de "P", which stands for *Parle de Parkinson* — or talk of Parkinson's in English.

Alexa Chung to host 2012 Scottish Fashion Awards



THE 2012 SCOTTISH FASHION AWARDS will be hosted by Alexa Chung. The stylish TV presenter will lead the awards ceremony to be held in Glasgow on 14th June.

The shortlist of candidates who are now in the running for an award have also been revealed with model Tab Louisa nominated for catwalk, but two gowns. The daughter of Anne Lennox is up for both the Model of the Year and Scottish Fashion Icon Awards following a huge year both on and off the catwalk. Although she is only 19, she is the model category, she faces some tough competition with the likes of

Tina Simons, Gerard Butler and Doctor Who's Karen Gillan also nominated for the Scottish catwalk category.

Nominated for the Scottish Designer of the Year Award are last year's winner Jonathan Saunders, as well as Christopher Kane, Holly Fulton, Louise Ferry, April Christen, for Sonia Rykiel and Celine Cullen for Dundee.

"A large number of Scotland's brightest fashion stars have been nominated for the Scottish Young Designer of the Year Award. These include Olivero Toscani, Jaded Heron, Grazia Armani, Holly Saunders, Jennifer Morris, Melissa Turner, and Lisa Rose.



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Without a doubt, one of my clients who has lost a significant time very much protein is due to them in the form of meat. It is simply the most useful and with care can be strong as was once believed. There was a time, but what does it mean? They are looking and strong as are gardeners of the wild. Most animals are all right protein and yet eating meat gives us protein. I believe along with the protein source associated fat and possibly saturated hormones, mostly, substances that have all been given



Denise Kelly

to the animal. Also, proteins themselves are like the (usually on organic) meat from the grass fed to the animal to make it up. This I can assure you is not what we need for a healthy body (Don't get me wrong, I am not outstating anyone for their decision to eat meat or not eat meat, but it is a proven fact and the government has been advising us about it over the last few decades that the over consumption of meat is connected with increased aging and serious disease. All I am saying is as a nutrition we tried to eliminate ourselves. There is no need to be as well as not getting enough protein for ourselves or our children and families because lack of the fat of lower muscle protein can in many ways to digest foods that have health benefits.

Many of us feel confused to add lots of meat into our diet, but I hope this simple but will help you to see the benefits of other foods.

We all know that food is our fuel and we



need to maintain a level of energy every day to feel alive and happy, to make sure you are making the best choices for your long term vitality, health and wellness.

Denise Kelly is a NANTU (National Association of Nutritional Therapists) registered Nutritionist. Her website is www.denisekelly.co.uk



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Lentils	23%
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Local hairdresser selected to join Fellowship of British Hairdressing Colour Project

POPULAR hairdresser Helen Kewell, Creative Director at Q Hair and Beauty in Chichester, a North Down, is to join the Fellowship of British Hairdressing Colour Project team. The team is made up of 25 selected hairdressers from around the UK.

The Colour Project is an action packed course delivering uniquely tailored educational events and also comprises a photo shoot that uses the team's natural creativity captured skills, styled with a passion for colour. The new year began on 30 April 2012 hosted by self-styled hairdresser, Helen Kewell. Helen will learn, create and make up techniques to bring back to her salon.

Helen added about the year ahead Helen said "This is a superb opportunity to be part of this year long project, to be selected to learn new colour techniques and look forward to bringing these back to my salon guests."

Helen has been behind the door for some time looking after local loyal guests. Chichester is a complimentary at Q



Hair and Beauty, simply will, everything is on top of it and speaks to those in case of their hair salon team. Chichester's most popular award winning salon continues to enjoy up the road to the city.

Union boss warns over NHS pay plans

A UNION LEADER has warned the Government of fears that threat of industrial action over controversial plans to introduce different rates of pay for health workers across regions of the UK.

Dave Prentis, general secretary of Unions, said his union would not sit back and allow Health Secretary Andrew Lansley to "destroy" the national pay agreement in the NHS. The union warned that changing the pay rates of public sector workers to reflect regional differences would be an "unworkable, divisive nightmare".

Addressing Unions' health conference in Brighton, Mr Prentis said: "It will not sit back and allow Andrew Lansley to destroy our national pay agreement. It has to be reduced the pay of our members who live in poorer areas we will make a stand."

"They've attacked our patients and we've reacted. If they come for our pay we will be ready, prepared and if we need to we will do everything to protect everything that is right then we will do it."

Mr Prentis accused the coalition of launching a "fundamental attack" on the NHS by pushing ahead with its health reforms, saying that one-size would fit all.

"The people who work in the NHS, the people who manage the NHS, even the GPs who are expected to run it. What's not to be said, patients don't believe

So who does want that? The Tories, because they don't value the NHS. Why would they? They don't use it," he added.

In evidence submitted to the NHS pay review body, Unions said: "The current UK wide pay system, which sets a floor pay to the NHS and allows for adjustments in high-cost areas or local areas with particular recruitment difficulties, has proven itself as a robust, effective pay system that adequately follows geographic variations in the UK labour market."

The Government is pressing ahead with plans to introduce regional pay across the public sector, sparking union warnings of massive wage cuts for employees in some parts of the country.

A Department of Health spokesman said: "It is clear that there is a compelling case for implementing market-facing pay for all. Agenda for Change is in England, whether they fully support it, with a substantial increase in work on the front line with nurses and other clinical staff. The principle of equal pay applies to all staff across the sector."

Jon Stevens of the Royal College of Physicians, speaking after going evidence to the NHS Pay Review Body, said the RCM was concerned to be out of balance market facing local pay would likely lead to a reduction in pay in some areas of the country, further extending low pay in those areas.

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UK returns to recession after sharp fall in construction

THE UK has returned to recession after a 0.2% fall in Gross Domestic Product (GDP), according to the Office for National Statistics (ONS).

GDP fell by 0.2% in the first quarter of 2012, marking a second-quarter fall in output.

Recession is defined as two periods of negative growth.

The drop in growth was represented by a sharp fall in construction.

The G10 and construction sector output decreased by 3.9 per cent in the first quarter of 2012, following a decrease of 0.2 per cent in the previous quarter.

It said output of the production industries decreased by 0.4 per cent in the first quarter, following a decrease of 0.3 per cent in the previous quarter.

The services industries, however, continued by 0.1 per cent in the first quarter, following a decrease of 0.4 per cent in the previous quarter.

The Treasury said the UK economy had been held back by problems in the housing sector.

In response to the figures, Hulse Francis, Construction Products Association Executive Director, said: "Given the sharp effects of public sector spending cuts over the past 18 months it is unsurprising to see that construction returned to recession in the first quarter with a fall of 3% following



the 0.2% fall in Q4. Furthermore, with new orders for construction falling left in 2012, the industry is likely to achieve further falls near term. Our latest forecasts for construction anticipate that the industry will fall considerably this year and remain flat in 2013, severely delaying recovery for the economy as a whole.

"Given that independent economic analysis has shown clearly that for every £ spent in construction, £1.5 is generated

for the wider economy, it is essential that government directs attention to revitalise current spending to avoid the more predictable capital spending."

The Chief Executive of Child Poverty Action Group, Alison Gershwin, said the economy never went away for winter families.

Gershwin said: "The economy may now be back on a technical recovery but the truth is that for many families with children

the economy has never gone away as they have endured a miserable few years coping with rising living costs, job losses, wage freezes and cuts in social protection."

"In a recession, unemployment rises, so rather than spending billions more welfare bills on dependency, Ministers have to do more to create jobs, help parents more effectively by providing better childcare, and re-evaluate the tax credits taken away from those from many low-paid couples."

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Expert advice about companion planting in your vegetable and flower beds from Jo Goleworthy

THE LACK OF TIME as the garden due to the busy month of June has led to a lot of gardeners looking for ways to make the most of their time and plant for their climate and environmental needs. A quick and easy way of doing this is to mix the companion planting as a key part of your planting plan. Reducing the use of chemical, maximising space and ensuring wildlife variety can all be achieved the way. The benefits are enormous and you'll be amazed at how well your garden thrives.

“Things that taste good together often complement one another in ground”

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Drought 'may last until Christmas'

THE ENVIRONMENT Agency has declared official drought across a further 17 English counties and said the shortage could last until Christmas or beyond.

Environmental experts said dry weather over the past few months had left some rivers in England exceptionally low and had now extended the country's 'drought map' into the Midlands and the South West.

Environment Agency officials stress that public water supplies are unlikely to be affected by the ongoing drought, but are warning cities from Manchester to London the dry conditions by using more water wisely.

Many of the prospect of the current drought stretching into next year, Trevor Bailey, head of water resources at the Environment Agency, said: "A longer term drought, lasting into Christmas and perhaps beyond, now looks more likely."

"While we've had some welcome rain recently, the problem has not gone away, and we would urge everyone - right across the country - to use water wisely now, which will help to prevent more serious impacts next year."

The Agency, which is dealing with businesses, farmers and water companies to meet the challenges of a continued drought, had already declared drought zones in London, the South East, East Angles and parts of Yorkshire.

Exceptionally dry weather across the major part of England are the result of a lack of rainfall over the past two winters, which



has left rivers and ground water depleted.

A spokesman for the Environment Agency said: "While public water supplies in these areas are unlikely to be affected, the lack of rain is taking on toll on the environment and farmers - causing problems for wildlife, wetlands and crop production. The Environment Agency is urging businesses, water companies and communities to all play their part by using water wisely, to help conserve precious water supplies."

Commenting on the news, Environment Secretary Gwyneth Davies said: "As more areas of the UK experience drought it is vital that we use less water to protect the public water supply to the driest areas of the country."

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GOODWOOD is to join a list of England's most famous golf courses and play host to a series of distinguished golf professionals in an exciting newly-formed tournament series.

It will be the TP Tour Series and involve three-day events across the country and as low as its second season. Having already attracted players from the European Tour as well as a growing number of golf fans who value the chance to watch three top class competitors in action.

The previous season has been selected personally by former European Order of Merit winner Rocco Salvatore who also played in the 1980 Ryder Cup match against the American professionals and holds the position of Tour Ambassador to the TP Tour Series.

The Northern Ireland tournament star explained the selection process for the series. "We are introducing traditional golf courses to the professional and amateur players as well as the opportunity

"Players like Paul Broadbent who competed in the 1980 Ryder Cup match are looking out for three-day tournaments as they are playing wonderful courses in their tournament conditions and a great prize fund."

However, the ultimate bonus for competitors is that the top three finishers to

the TP Tour Series Order of Merit will receive paid entry into the European Tour Qualifying School. The course is already proving extremely popular among professional and amateur players and opening new careers who have signed up for what is acknowledged to be the UK's best and fastest growing golf tour.

The aim of the TP Tour Series is to offer exciting European Tour players additional competition to sharpen their game as well as providing young players with a start in their competitive careers. It is a concept that has already been supported by Gary Evans who narrowly missed a playoff for the 2000 Open Championship title at Muirfield as well as Ian Poyser the most successful player on the Challenge Tour.

The selection of elite courses for the tour



TP Tour Series includes several European Tour locations such as Pebble Beach, Haverhill, and Royal St George's, the historic venue for numerous Open Championships as well as many others.

The Series moves to Goodwood as part of a go-back event with Hurlingham in May and the general approval suggests

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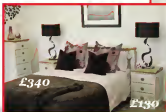


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